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20 SEMI-FINALISTS CHOSEN IN AMBASSADOR SEARCH

After interviewing over 130 applicants for our 1978 Walt Disney World Ambassador position, the field has been narrowed to 20 semi-finalists early this week.

The job of determining the semi-finalists fell to our **Selection Committee,** who spent nearly ten hours a day all of last week meeting and interviewing the hostesses and hosts applying for the position. This year's Selection Committee included **Judi Perry** of Guest Relations, **Dee Bruton** of Casting, **Wally Surak** of Employee Relations, **Bill Spidle** of Photography, and **Marita Orr** of Entertainment.

This year's expansion from 10 semi-finalists to 20 was introduced to broaden the field of applicants meeting with the **Final Selection Committee** on Thursday, October 20. That committee will then announce the four Ambassador finalists on Friday, October 21.

But between now and October 20th, the 18 hostesses and 2 hosts have plenty of work to do; including additional interviews, meetings, photography sessions, and a live interview situation simulating a television talk show. For this, **WDBO** Sports Director **Tracy Dent** interviewed each applicant before color television cameras and stage lights, with the resulting video tapes going to the Final Selection Committee to assist them in identifying the "stage presence" of each hostess and host.

While all of these selection processes are going on here, the same is going on at Disneyland. And after the announcement of the four finalists for here and Disneyland is made on October 21st, all eight will be on hand at Walt Disney World to participate in our upcoming **Golf Classic** the first week of November.

With each theme park narrowed to four finalists, our search really gets down to brass tacks! Our four finalists will then go to California and meet their four. . . and then go for their final interview with top executives of Walt Disney Productions.

By then, the die is cast. . .but held in absolute secrecy until special ceremonies on **Friday, November 11,** when our 1978 Walt Disney World Ambassador is announced!

Good luck to our 20 semi-finalists!

LET'S MEET OUR 20 SEMI-FINALISTS

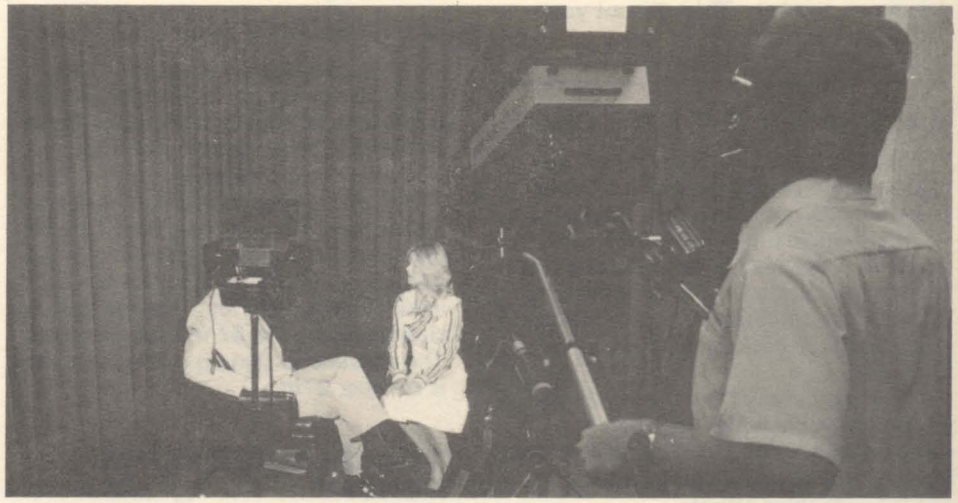
From left to right, we have **Beverly Jefferson** *of Operations,* **Vivian Ragans** *of Resorts,* **Pam Carpenter** *of Operations,* **Mindi Iden** *of Entertainment,* **Kathy Lindeman** *of Operations,* **Leslie Courney** *of Operations,* **Bonnie Macdonnel** *of Resorts,* **Donna Estes** *of Entertainment, and* **Dave Hawley** *of the Disney University.*

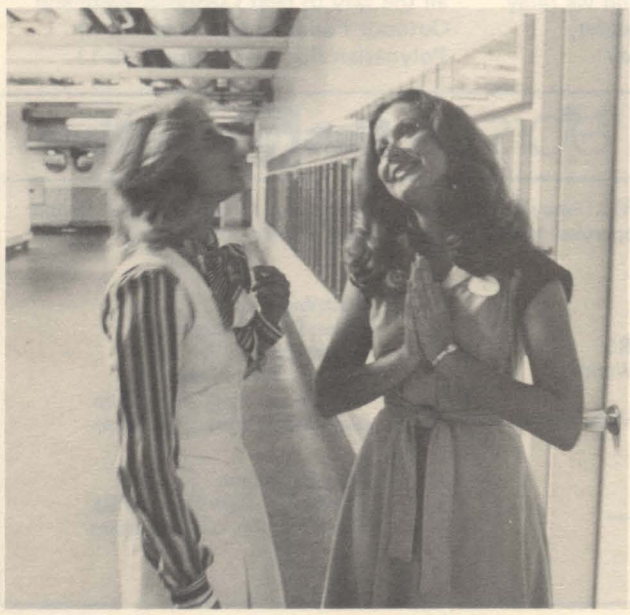
From left to right, we have **Monica Hollecks** *of Lake Buena Vista,* **Diann McMurtrie** *of Resorts,* **Maria Fernandez** *of Operations,* **Janellen Davis** *of Merchandise,* **Vicki Jaramillo** *of Operations,* **Janine Doane** *of Operations,* **Becky Roper** *of Resorts,* **Cindy Carrithers** *of Marketing, and* **Debbie Doyle** *of Operations.*

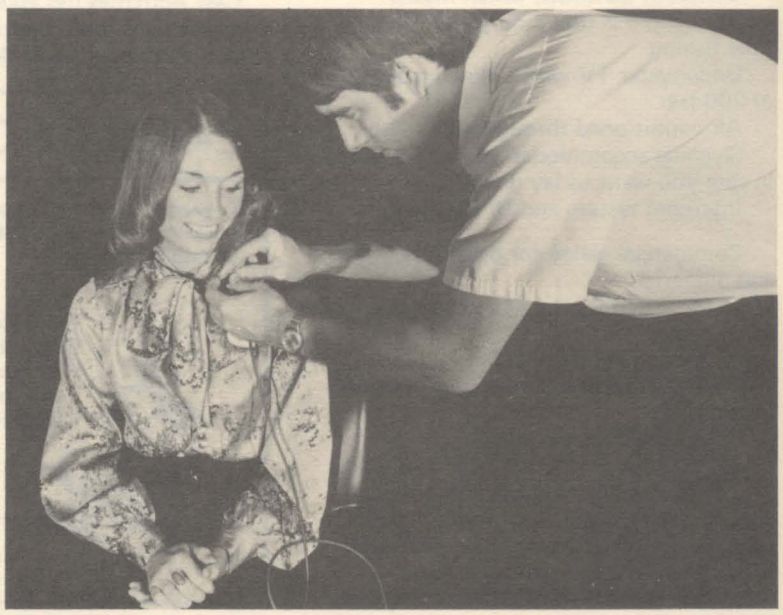
Our other two semi-finalists are **Kathleen Attansai** *of Lake Buena Vista and* **Rick Fuess** *of Operations.*

Their Next Step Is Into The Guest Chair...

...For Interviews Both Live And On Video Tape







NEW DIGGING PERMIT SYSTEM ACTIVATED

As more and more underground utilities are added at Walt Disney World . . .and as memories dim as to their exact location. . .the likelihood of striking one of these utilities by accident greatly increases. With the possible result of disrupted telephone service, broken water mains, the danger of leaking gas, a shovel into a 12,000 volt cable, or a geyser of high temperature hot water!

How do we head off such a problem? Many cities now use a central clearing house for prospective excavator work, so that digging can proceed safely.

Here at Walt Disney World, we have gone one step further with a one-call digger information system. The Reedy Creek Utilities Company, in cooperation with Vista Florida Telephone Company, Facilities Engineering and Survey, is establishing a one-call system to clear all digging at Walt Disney World. . .anywhere on our 27,400 acres of property!

Ted Crowell, Vice President of Facilities Division, has recently issued instructions implementing this new system for everyone, including outside construction contractors.

The one-call telephone number is **824-5777.** An answering device will take the digging request information, and after careful underground utilities research, the requestor is given a "go ahead" or stopped with all pertinent information following the request.

Bill Williams, Construction Manager for Reedy Creek Utilities Company, set up the system in his offices from where it will be operated. Bill explained that all requests will be taken 24-hours-a-day. . . so remember, to dig at Walt Disney World call 824-5777 for permission and clearance!

TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGING

Effective **Sunday, October 16,** some modifications will be implemented to minimize the present pedestrian/behicular flow problems that exist at the employee bus station in the North Service Area. Beginning Sunday, the traffic flow will become one-way directly behind the clock station. Please observe the new directional signs and stanchions placed there.

CAST CHRISTMAS CHOIR FORMING

Applications are now available in Cast Activities for interested cast members and their family members to become a branch of our Living Christmas Tree, as part of our annual Candle Light Processional this December.

But first, what is a Living Christmas Tree? It is a two-story tall assembly of choral singers at the head of Main Street who will perform selected holiday songs with a symphony orchestra. And you can be a member!

If you have participated in past choral groups, or simply would like the experience, stop by Cast Activities for an application. The fee is $1 per person and the application must be returned to Cast Activities no later than October 28th.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings, beginning November 1 through December 13, in the Entertainment Division Production Center (directions available in Cast Activities).

On Friday, December 16, there will be a dress rehearsal, then the Candle Light Processional will follow on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18.

For more information, please call **Pat** in Cast Activities at extension 4254.

FLEA MARKET TAKING ENTRIES

You may sign up for our employee **Flea Market** beginning Monday, October 17, at Cast Activities. The cost of your table is $2.50, payable when you reserve it. There is a limit of 80 tables at this Fall's market, so all cast members interested in "unloading" merchandise and other articles there should sign up right away! More information in the near future about this great way to earn "Xmas Long Green in the Short Future." Remember, as you read this, there are only 72 days left to Christmas!!!

"STAR WARS" VILLAIN DARTH VADER HERE THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget that **Don Post** will be here this weekend with his "friend" **Darth Vader,** the arch villain from the motion picture *Star Wars.*

All through this week, radio station **BJ-105** will be publicising the visit and giving away *Star Wars* masks and other prizes for the correct answers to trivia questions about the movie.

Don and Darth will be here today, Saturday and Sunday, giving personal appearances under the **Captain's Tower**

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Golf Classic Free To Cast This Year

The Walt Disney World National Team Championship Golf Classic has extended **free admission** to all Disney cast members this year for the first time.

The tournament, set for **October 31st through November 6th,** will feature such PGA giants as Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson, Johnny Miller, Lanny Wadkins, Ben Crenshaw and many other leading money winners.

Golfer **Jim Dent,** *one of the strongest drivers on the PGA Tour, tries to influence his ball at last year's Golf Classic with a little "body english."*

All cast members may see the action on **any** of the tournament days free simply by showing your **Disney ID** at the gate. In addition, **half-price tickets** are available to your **immediate family** if they accompany you, or if a spouse shows your Main Gate Pass.

Here's the tournament schedule:

Monday & Tuesday, Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st — Practice and qualifying rounds, free to everyone.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 — Twin Pro-Am Tournaments, employee family advanced sale of $2.

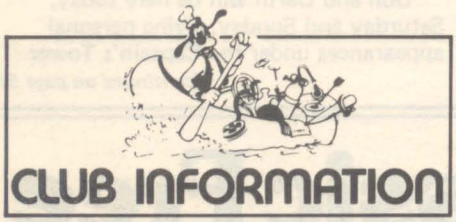
Thursday, Nov. 3rd — Championship begins, employee family advanced tickets at $2.

Friday, Nov. 4th — Second championship round, employee family advanced tickets at $2.

Saturday & Sunday, November 5th & 6th — For the final two rounds, an employee family price of $3 will get you the tournament's climactic action when the cream of the PGA crop tries to unseat last year's winning team of Bill Kratzert and Woody Blackburn.

Remember, for your family to view the Golf Classic this year using half-price tickets, either you must **accompany** them or your spouse must present your **Main Gate Pass.**

in the Village, complete with music from *Star Wars,* posters, buttons, tote bags, T-shirts, iron-on transfers, and Don's creations of masks from the major movie characters. They will be appearing from **10 am to 12 noon, 2 pm to 4 pm, and 7 pm to 8 pm.** Everyone is invited!



DIVE CLUB NOTES

Just a reminder that the final dive of this season will be a fantastic weekend of underwater fun. . .the **John Pennekamp State Park** in the Florida Keys. Pennekamp features shallow diving, great visibility, a friendly barracuda named Jose, beautiful coral heads, and abundant underwater fish and plant life!

The divers will be staying on Plantation Key November 5 and 6. Club members may go for $47 and non-members for $49, which includes accommodations and six dives. Please reserve your space on this trip with a 50% deposit in Cast Activities. Call the trip coordinator **Roger Schrank** at 851-7792 for more information.

CHESS TOURNAMENT SET

The **Chess Club** is sponsoring a **Chess Tournament** beginning the week of November 6th. Here are the details:

There will be a $3 per person entry fee. Rules governing play shall be in accordance with the World Federation and the United States Chess Federation publications. All entries will receive a Certificate of Participationand an automatic club membership. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, and also a Brilliancy Prize for the best game of the tournament.

The games may be played anywhere that both parties agree on. Chess sets are available in Cast Activities for use there. All entry forms must be received by Cast Activities before 5 pm on Saturday, November 5.

A rules and regulations meeting for all entrants will be held Thursday, October 27, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Cast Activities Lounge. Jeff Grzelak will be the tournament director and may be reached at the Contemporary Resort, extension 3638. In 1976, Jeff placed 1st Place in the top unrated section of the Sunshine State Championships and in 1977 he placed 3rd in the Southern Open.

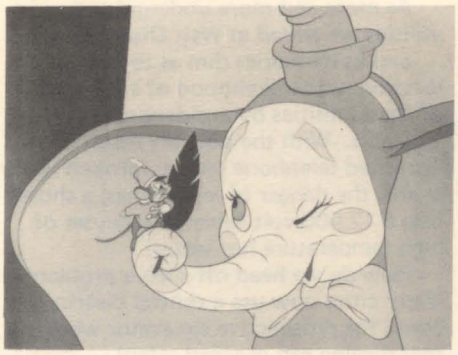
Entry forms are now available in Cast Activities.

FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL

The current showing at our **Family Film Festival** is the Disney animated classic, *Dumbo.* Tickets are still available for the following show times:
Sunday, October 16—Disney Story, 8 pm
Monday, October 17—Disney Story, 8 pm
Tuesday, October 18—Disney Story, 8 pm
Wednesday, October 19—Disney Story, 8 pm
Friday, October 21—Disney Story, 8 pm

You may pick up your **free** tickets by stopping in at Cast Activities. Our Family Film Festival is limited to Disney cast members and their immediate families.

Parking for the Disney Story theater is through the Theme Park I gate, across from the Contemporary Resort.



35+ SINGLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

In the second round of our ongoing **35 & Over Singles Tennis Tournament,** Howard Roland (Purchasing) is slated to play John Kemp (Audio) and Don Lanier (Emporium) will face Ted Crowell (Facilities).

FALL BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

In our **Fall Billiards Tournament,** Alan Korb (Contemporary) has moved into the second round. Matches scheduled for the

FALL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

As of October 7, here is how our Fall Volleyball League stands:

"A" League (7 & 8 pm)

Team Name	Won	Lost	Pct.	Games Behind
Knight Krawlers Men	3	0	1.000	0
Operations	2	1	.666	1
Marketing	1	2	.333	1 & 1/2
CRO Women	0	3	.000	2 & 1/2
"B" League (9 & 10 pm)				
Polynesian	3	0	1.000	0
Custodial*	2	0	1.000	1/2
Fubars Men*	2	0	1.000	1/2
Audio Men	1	2	.333	2
Space Mountain	1	2	.333	2
The Naoz*	0	1	.000	2
Operations Men	0	2	.000	2 & 1/2
Emporium*	0	2	.000	2 & 1/2

*Does not include the following games. . .on Sept. 20 The Naoz vs. Operations Men and Emporium vs. Fubars Men.

Here are the team rankings for the mixed and men categories:

Mixed

1. Polynesian (3—0)
2. Custodial (2—0)
3. Operations (2—1)
4. Marketing (1—2)
5. Space Mountain (1—2)
6. The Naoz (0—1)
7. Emporium (0—2)
8. CRO Women (0—3)

Men

1. Knight Krawlers (3—0)
2. Fubars Men (2—0)
3. Audio Men (1—2)
4. Operations Men (0—2)

upcoming week include Mally Pugh (Contemporary) against Jim Manna (Security), Pat Sweeney (Custodial) against Earl Sims (Contemporary), and Steve Wade (Reedy Creek Gas) against Carl Conklin (Property Control).

INTRODUCTION TO YOGA CLASS SET

An "Introduction to Yoga" class has been arranged by Cast Activities for interested cast members. The class will get underway with an **information session** on Tuesday, October 18, at 5 pm in Cast Activities Lounge. Following that, all classes will last 45 minutes on Tuesdays and Fridays, lasting three months. No fee will be charged.

In this particular class session, emphasis is placed on breathing, posture, and awareness of one's general fitness. The classes will be instructed by **Annemarie Prahl,** Foods Supervisor in the Contemporary Resort, who has been practicing Yoga for eight years!

To enroll, please call Cast Activities at extension 4254 and leave your name, work location, work extension and home telephone number. Then dig out your leotards and body suits.

FISHING TRIP SET FOR OCEAN

Cast Activities is sponsoring another of their popular employee deep sea fishing trips, departing on **Saturday, November 5.**

The participating fisherpeople will leave from the Sea Harvest Marina at the Port Orange Bridge in Daytona Beach at 8:30 am for a full-day of bottom fishing! Then you'll be back at the dock by 5:30 pm.

The total price of the trip is $20 per person, which includes your bait and fishing tackle. You'll be fishing from the decks of the *Happy Dolphin,* which is loaded with these extras:

Cruises at 25 knots, which means you'll spend less time riding and more time fishing

Underwater TV with a viewing depth of 200 feet

Air conditioned throughout

Sleeping accommodations for 50 (just in case you want to lay down)

Intercom system and Hi-Fi Stereo

Commercial galley for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Refrigerated fish box to keep your catch cool

Cushioned fishing seats

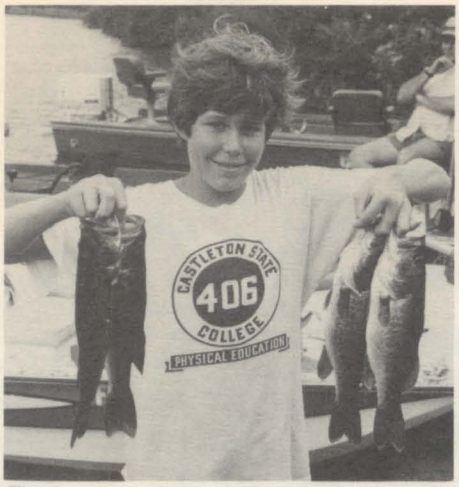
Four restrooms and two showers (just in case!)

Carpeted decks throughout

Soft drinks, coffee and beer available.

The *Happy Dolphin* is a bottom fisherperson's dream, with only one catch (pardon the pun). . .we are limited to 50 seats. So hurry and sign up in Cast Activities because they will be going fast.

The cost is $20 per person, payable when signing up, and is non-refundable. There are maps to the docks available in Cast Activities. For more information, please call **Pat** in Cast Activities.



The Sportsmans' Association says that you don't have to be a pro to catch fish or win a tournament! Just ask **Jake Pierce,** *a recent winner. . .or better yet, ask* **Tom Mullins** *(background), one of the club's better known "pros" who looks as though he's asking what he did wrong!*

SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Attention all club members. . .don't forget to sign up for the members only Bar-B-Q to be held at Little Lake Bryan on Sunday, November 6. Call Cast Activities for information.

All cast members may sign up for the Sportsman's Association's **Bass Tournament,** set for Sunday, October 30, from 6:30 am to 12:30 pm on Lake Marian, in Kenansville, Florida. The fee is $5 for club members and $7 for non-members. The deadline to sign up in Cast Activities is October 27th.

TENNIS LADDER BEGINS MONDAY

Cast Activities has asked that we relay some rules for their Tennis Ladder, scheduled to begin this Monday:

1. Players schedule their **own** matches which may be played anywhere. A player must play within 10 days of being contacted (unless on vacation) or that player will forfeit the match and lose his or her position.
2. Players may challenge anyone on the ladder within five rungs **above** them, and in turn be challenged by anyone within five rungs **below** them. Once a match is played, there must be at least a 10 day wait for a challenge match by the loser.
3. Players must bring an **unopened** can of tournament quality tennis balls to the first match. The winner of that match keeps the unopened can of balls. Players must agree to rules and conditions before starting to play, and they split any court fees.
4. **Winners** of each match must contact Cast Activities at 824-4254 with results of that game as soon as possible. Players may also stop by Cast Activities to see the ladder, which will be posted on a bulletin board.
5. In December, April and August, Cast Activities will award the **top players** in each bracket a trophy.
6. New entries in our cast Tennis Ladder must enter at the **bottom** of their skill level and work their way up.

FALL SOFTBALL SCORES

In the first regular week of play in our **Fall Softball Leagues,** it was Cast Activities over the Solar Bears 18-3, Salmonella took Merchandise 15-13, and in an epoch battle that changed leaders no less than eight times, the Reapers beat Fubars 4-1.

Elsewhere, in a contest tied 1-1 up until the sixth inning, the Village went all the way to beat Custodial 23-6, and Outdoor Foods came out on top of Polynesian Food & Beverage 16-11.

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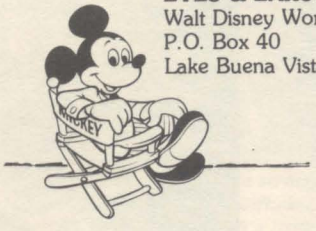

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